

grants to denominational schools must be withdrawn.

NOW WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means that the Indians are to be as far as possible, placed under the tutorship of ignorant hirelings, who will fleece and rob and corrupt them at their own pleasure, as multitudes of Protestant Indian agents have been doing wherever they were free from the vigilance of noble and God-fearing men and women—all of the Catholic communion,—who made the Indians the objects of their jealous solicitude, and took care to report to Washington all cases of gross abuse of power by unscrupulous officials.

It also means that while the efficiency of the Indian schools is to be decreased ninety per cent, the cost of maintaining them is to be multiplied ten-fold. The Apaists have had their fling, and now, gentlemen, you may step up and pay the fiddler.

But do the Protestants prefer to save the Indians destroyed body and soul and assume a new load of taxation to boot, rather than have them instructed in the Catholic faith, which they prefer and in most cases already profess and practice? Yes that is what it amounts to. The bigots and thieves, in and out of the sectarian clergy, who know the real state of the case, have made this deliberate choice; and the great mass of the God-fearing, honest, upright and sincere non-Catholic population have left themselves be deceived by these rascals into the belief that it is simply a question of resisting the "encroachments of Rome."

If we let the deception go on

WE SHALL BE GUILTY BEFORE GOD

of the spiritual death of thousands of the true children of the soil; the blood of those whom our fathers have redeemed from Paganism at the cost of innumerable hardships and even of life

itself, will be upon our heads. Many of the Indians were long ago by force or fraud despoiled of their faith and virtue, and we must not let the same fate befall the rest

Let those who are in a position to collect and publish the true inside details of the infamous conspiracy from beginning to end, do so with all the energy and zeal and skill they can command; and let every Catholic and patriotic organ from one end of the country to the other proclaim with no uncertain sound that the present issue is by no means a question between Catholicism and Protestantism, but simply a question of religious liberty and human justice for the Indians. The Christian Indians have a right to practice the religion they prefer; and all the Indians, whether Christian or not, have a right to be instructed and civilized by God-fearing and honest men, instead of by mercenary underlings who are too often devoid of all religion or make their religion a cloak for their own flagrant iniquities.

Let every honest man, and every citizen, regardless of creed, who is jealous for the honor of his country, ponder well this dark and damning record of crime and outrage, and let him disseminate a knowledge of it among all with whom he comes in contact. Let the further question be put squarely before the people, whether they are willing to have vast sums of Government money recklessly squandered, in order to satisfy the prejudices of the A. P. A., and enrich a host of boodlers at the expense of a positive retrogression in the condition of the Indian wards of the nation.

We append the names of those senators who on June 4 placed themselves on record as enemies of religious liberty by voting against the Indian denominational schools, that they may be held up to the opprobrium they deserve.